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Applicants : Michael Lax et al.
Application No. : 09/858,457 Confirmation No.: 1750
Filed : May 16, 2001
For : CASE WITH INTERNAL LOCK
Group Art Unit : 3676
Examiner : Lloyd A. Gall

New York, New York 10020
January 13, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☐ a Preliminary Amendment;
☒ a Reply to Office Action; ☐ a Declaration; ☐ a Power
of Attorney; ☐ a Submission of Formal Drawings; ☐ formal
drawings; to be filed in the above identified patent
application; ☒ an Express Mail Certification (Express Mail
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☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	-	** =	X	\$200	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+	\$360	= \$ 0.00

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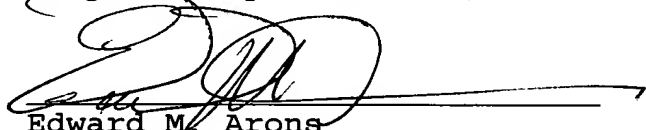
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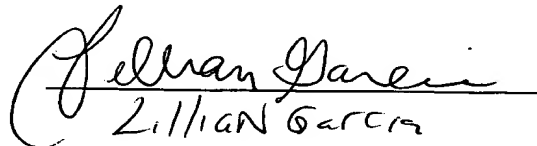
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2004, which did not address the merits of the above-identified application, but required an election of species.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.